

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/729,841

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/27/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 79-80, 83-92, 95-107, 110-120 and 123-128 (renumbered as 1-42).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application  |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                       | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>02/24/2009</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____    | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment  |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                           |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

### DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is response to APPLICANTS' AMENDMENT filed on 01/27/2009.
2. Claims 81-82, 93-94, 108-109 and 121-122 have been cancelled.

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John S. Golian (Reg. No.: 54,702) on 02/24/2009 at (816) 559-2021.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### **Claim 91:**

In the first line of claim 91, "One or more computer readable media" is replaced with "One or more computer readable storage media"

Claims 92, and 95-102:

In the first line of claims 99, and 95-102, "The computer readable media of claim 91" is replaced with "The computer readable storage media of claim 91"

**Claim 116:**

In the first line of claim 116, "One or more computer readable media" is replaced with "One or more computer readable storage media"

Claims 117-120 and 132-128:

In the first line of claims 117-120 and 123-128, "The computer readable media of claim 116" is replaced with "The computer readable storage media of claim 116"

4. Claims 79-80, 83-92, 95-107, 110-120 and 123-128 are allowed.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. The present application has been thoroughly reviewed. Upon searching a variety of databases, the examiner respectfully submits that claims 79-80, 83-92, 95-107, 110-120 and 123-128 are allowed in light of the applicants' argument and in light of the prior arts of made record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior arts, in combination of Huang et al. (US Patent No. 6,571,245 B2), Vincent (US Patent No. 4,881,179) fail to teach wherein setting the operating system user-access permissions comprises: verifying that one or more operating system file shares exist from which the one or more shared items represented by the virtual folder can be accessed remotely; and setting

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permissions on the one or more operating system file shares to allow the one or more sharees to access the shared items represented by the virtual folder.

These distinct features, in conjunction with all other limitations of the dependents and independent claims render claims 103-107, 110-120 and 123-128 them allowable.

And in combination of Huang et al. (US Patent No. 6,571,245 B2), Vincent (US Patent No. 4,881,179) and Ermel et al. (US Patent No. 5,835,094) fail to teach setting permissions on the one or more shared items that are represented by the virtual folder to provide the one or more sharees direct access to said shared items stored on the user's computing device, wherein setting permissions comprises: verifying that an operating system file share exists from which a first shared item represented by the virtual folder can be accessed remotely; and if an operating system file share exists, setting an operating system permission property on the operating system file share, wherein the operating system permission property is set so as to allow the one or more sharees access to the first shared item represented by the virtual folder.

These distinct features, in conjunction with all other limitations of the dependents and independent claims render claims 79-80, 83-92, 95-102 them allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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**Contact Information**

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANH LY whose telephone number is (571) 272-4039 or via E-Mail: [ANH.LY@USPTO.GOV](mailto:ANH.LY@USPTO.GOV) (Written Authorization being given by Applicant (MPEP 502.03 [R-2])) or fax to **(571) 273-4039** (unofficial fax number directly to examiner's office). The examiner can normally be reached on TUESDAY – THURSDAY from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **John Breene**, can be reached on **(571) 272-4107**.

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